

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

In celebration assembly yesterday morning, I was astounded at the children's enthusiasm when asked about all of their curriculum events this week. There have been lots of trips, visitors and themed days which really do bring learning to life! You can see some of the photos of these events below. Thank you to our teachers for organising these events as it takes time to research, book and 'risk assess' each one.

In my Tuesday assembly, I was proud to launch Black History Month at Nova. I spoke to the children about its role in learning about and celebrating a multitude of incredible events from the past and so many positive black role-models. Miss Hernandez, our history lead has put together a really thought-provoking and exciting programme of learning for the school though as I explained to the children, Black History Month is a springboard for learning throughout the year, across the curriculum. I strongly believe, that to create a brilliant future for our young people, in which prejudice, discrimination and racism are challenged and eradicated, our children need to learn all aspects of the past. I am excited to see how our curriculum

Dates for your diary

We know how important it is to be able to plan in advance. We will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible with school events.

Bristol Term Dates for 2021/22

Term 1

Thurs 2nd September
2021 - Friday 22nd
October 2021

Term 2

Monday 1st November
2021 - Friday 17th
December 2021

celebrates diversity and inclusion, this month, and every month.

At the end of today's celebration assembly, we had the most wonderful time, reflecting on last Friday, when the whole school (including Smudge) came together to complete the Race 4 Life. The children took this on with such dedication and strength, both in terms of the collection of sponsorship and the running itself. There were many stories of children overcoming tiredness and self-doubt, and so many of them exceeded their target of either 3K or 5K. I must also add how supportive the children and staff were of each other - it really made such a difference to everyone's spirits!

We have all waited with some excitement for the final total that Nova has raised. Miss Lewis, who so brilliantly organised the event, was aiming for £1000 which would be a fine total in itself. However, I am delighted to announce that the total **so far** is.....

£3750

Though I have never doubted your generosity, support for your children and kindness in general, this is a truly remarkable achievement. I think we all have reasons why Cancer Research is a charity that we support and this money will make a real difference to their work. Thank you so much for giving us so much to be proud of. Please can I give an extra shout out to Progressive Sports. They have donated their fee to Cancer Research...and doubled it - amazing!

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Term 3

Tuesday 4th January 2022

- Friday 18th February
2022

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Term 4

Monday 28th February

2022 - Friday 8th April
2022

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Term 5

Monday 25th April 2022 -

Friday 27th May 2022

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Term 6

Monday 6th June 2022 -

Thursday 21st July 2022

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS in 21/22**

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Inset Day 4

Tuesday 4th January 2022

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Inset Day 5

Friday 8th April 2022

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Inset Day 6

Friday 8th July 2022

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Inset Day 7

Thursday 21st July 2022

Other Important Dates

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Tuesday 12th October

KS2 Surprise Singing
Event

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Thursday 14th October

Y1 Victorian Dress Up Day

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Friday 24th October

Y6 Visit from Michael
Gorley (Bristol Historian)

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2nd & 3rd November

Parent Consultations

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Tuesday 23rd November

Y3 Bristol Museum Trip



With warmest regards,

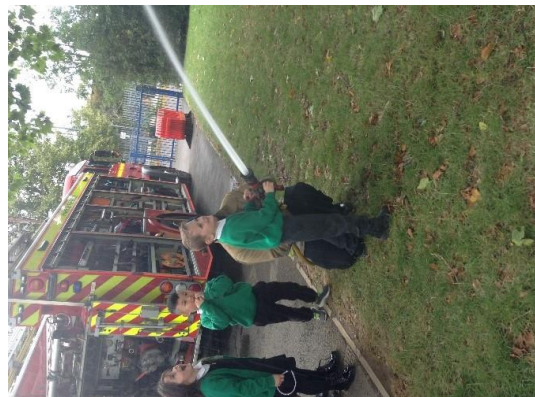
Anna Morris
Headteacher



YEAR GROUP NEWS

YEAR 1

Year one have been learning about real life heroes and had a visit from the fire brigade! We learnt about what the firefighters do, how we can stay safe if we ever see a fire and the 999 number we use in an emergency. We also got to see the fire engine and even have a go with the water hose! As you can see it was so much fun!



YEAR 2

Year 2 visited Muller Orphanage on Monday to link their Victorians line of enquiry to the local area and had a fantastic time exploring the museum, tasting sweet 'treats' and trying on Victorian clothes.



Year 3

This week, the children in Year 3 were enthusiastic Artists and Historians. They examined Stone Age cave art from around the world such as that in the Lascaux Cave, France. They then investigated techniques used by significant local artists, including Richard Long, who are also inspired by the Stone Age.

The Year 3 children created their own Stone Age colour pallet by mixing powder paints as well as acrylic paints. They experimented with different line techniques using charcoal. They all had lots of fun during this part of the creative process.

They then applied their artistic knowledge and skills to create their very own Stone Age inspired cave art on sandpaper. One child exclaimed, "I love being an Artist!".





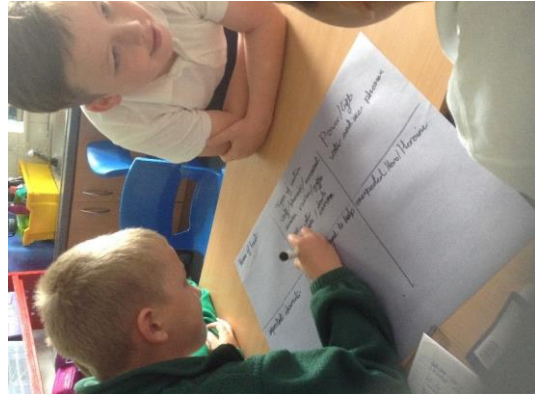
Year 4

On Tuesday, Year 4 had a fantastic day working with Jess from One Day Creative. We explored Roman life through drama learning about the different levels of Roman society from Emperors to slaves. We also learnt about Roman pastimes and the amazing engineering projects that the Romans built that can still be seen today. It was brilliant to be able to find some amazing actors in this lovely year group!



Year 5

We've had heated discussion and bags of creativity as Year 5 plan and tell their quest stories inspired by Nyangara the Fire Python. We've been so impressed with our class audience, who had to ask questions that helped the authors plug gaps in their planning. We're looking forward to lots of fabulous writing next week.



Year 6

Year 6 had the privilege of meeting a local historian expert, Michael Gorely, who has taught us to be aerial archaeologists and took us on a tour of Bristol City Centre exploring how Bristol was affected during WW2.

This week we had an Evacuee Day! We learnt how air-raid drills were practised and had a go ourselves. In role, we wrote informal letters to loved ones and displayed great empathy for those affected by World War 2. Finally, we learnt how to embroider simple patches as part of the Make, Do and Mend campaign - excellent teamwork and support for each other!



MEET THE TEAM



Name: Jo Pickford

Role: SMSA

The best part of the role:

There are so many children at Nova and I have enjoyed getting to know lots of them. It will take me a bit of time to remember all their names though!

Hobbies:

In my spare time I love pottering in my garden and enjoy growing my own vegetables. I also like to do archery and enjoy reading a good book.

Favourite quote:

'Be the reason someone smiles today'

Experience:

I've only been at Nova for a year and it has certainly been an interesting time.

CAN CORNER

As we settle into the new academic year, I'd like to take this opportunity to sign post you to some of the information and resources that are available on our school website.

Our SEND page includes all of the statutory policies and reports that can help you as Parents/Carers understand how we identify children with additional needs at Nova Primary school and the processes that can be involved in this. It also shares with you the best ways to reach out to the school if you have any concerns. Please make sure you visit the page to gain an understanding:

<https://novaprimarieschool.co.uk/learning/sen/>

On this page we also have our visual "graduated approach" document. This explains what is ordinarily available to all children, and how we respond to children's needs as they are displayed or discussed with us.



Nova Primary School Graduated Teaching Response for All Children

1) Quality First Teaching – All Children

- Teachers who are well-trained and are proactive in assessing the needs of all students in their class
- An inclusive and creative curriculum with a focus upon Mastery
- A whole school "Zones of Regulation" approach
- All children in EYFS are screened on the Wellcomm assessment tool in term 1 to identify SALT needs
- A PSHE curriculum which embraces mental health and wellbeing
- Warm and welcoming classrooms where developing resilience is encouraged
- Clear expectations for all as set out in the school's behaviour policy
- Dyslexia friendly classroom strategies: pastel coloured flip charts, access to coloured overlays
- Formative and summative assessments to measure progress and attainment of all children
- Opportunities to take part in extra-curricular activities: after school clubs, sports teams
- Visual timetables in all classrooms
- Staff who develop their knowledge and understanding of children with additional needs to better identify barriers to learning through regular training opportunities
- A culture of quotes who believe that "No star is too far!"

2) Additional Support – Many Children

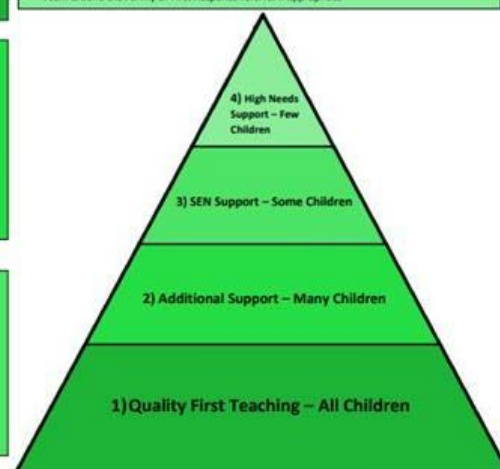
- SEN Pupil Plan Targets set in collaboration with teacher, parents and pupil lasting one to two terms reviewed for impact and next steps
- Children to attend group interventions for one to two terms at class or key stage level
- Participation in Reading Recovery or BRP
- Meeting and advice from our Lead Learning Mentor or SENCo
- Additional resources in class used to make work accessible: Now and next, scaffolds, learning mats
- Targeted planning: guided groups, differentiated work, pre and post teaching
- Formal meetings and informal communication with Class Teacher: Home/School communication book, fortnightly calls
- SENCo advice sought using an Initial Concerns Form and advice suggested
- Screening for SALT concerns and/or Dyslexia and/or Dyscalculia (not a diagnostic)
- Some support from Learning Mentors where required

3) SEN Support – Some Children

- SEN Pupil Plan lasting more than two terms
- Some personalised planning e.g. English and/or Maths
- Some small group or 1:1 interventions during unstructured times and/or Learning Mentor support
- Regular interventions: Times Tables, Phonics, Handwriting, SEMH
- Involvement of some external agencies: Speech and Language Therapy, PMHS referral, School nurse referral, North Star Outreach
- Team around the Family or First Response referral if appropriate
- SENCo classroom observations, advice and strategy recommendations
- Adapted Timetable: sensory breaks; movement breaks; access to safe space
- Personalised Resources: individual resource box; fiddle toys, writing slop, wobble cushion
- Bristol SEN support plan devised with SENCo, child and parent as well as top-up funding application if required

4) High Needs Support – Few Children

- Regular SENCo classroom observations, advice and strategy recommendations
- Various external agencies involvement: Speech and Language therapy; Education Psychologist; Bristol Autism Team; CAMHS
- Bristol SEN Support Plan or EHCNA meeting with SENCo
- Application for Top-up Funding to facilitate additional provision if required
- EHCNA application for assessment of needs
- Individualised curriculum and planning based on needs
- High level of additional adult support, above and beyond what is available at SEN support level
- A finalised EHCIP
- Individualised Provision Map
- At least annual meetings to include pupil, parent and school voice to review support in place
- Access to Alternative Provision settings where appropriate
- Team around the Family or First Response referral if appropriate



LIBRARY

Can you help look after our new Library at Nova Primary School? If you are a parent or carer of a child at Nova Primary School and would be able to come in to either help return books to their correct shelves or sit with a child to read with them at lunchtime and help them find books, then please contact the office letting them know when and how often you could help. Volunteers would need to complete the relevant DBS check before volunteering in school.



WELLBEING

At Nova we want to ensure every member of our school community can access the support that they need. We want to share with you a range of local and national, online and face-to-face, parenting courses, support groups and services.

The Early Years Training Hub

The Early Years Training Hub offers a suite of 230 expertly created parent courses designed to empower you to be the best parent you can be.

Set up your account to access these free courses [here](#):

<https://theearlyyearstraininghub.co.uk/en/early-years-parent>

Family Links Parent Webinars

Family Links, a national charity dedicated to the promotion of emotional health, offers a series of free webinars aiming to support parents, through discussions about emotional resilience, family boundaries, and managing difficult feelings.

Explore the parent webinars here:

<https://www.familylinks.org.uk/parent-webinars>

BEAM Academy Mindfulness Webinar

This free mindfulness webinar (October 12th, 6pm) will discuss everything you need to know about teaching successful mindfulness to children and teenagers.

Reserve a place at the online webinar here:

<https://www.beam.academy/mindfulnesswebinaroctober2021>

The National Parenting Initiative Podcasts

Aiming to support and empower parents, the National Parenting Initiative has published a series of free podcasts tackling some of the tough topics that parents and their children might be facing in 2021, including technology, mental health, and social media.

Listen to these podcasts here:

<https://www.thenpi.org.uk/Groups/365943/Podcast.aspx>

Bristol City Council's Parenting Courses

Bristol City Council delivers free, term time online and in-person parenting courses for parents of children aged 3 to 17 years old. These courses cover different topics including challenging behaviour, anxiety, violent or self-destructive behaviours, and separation or divorce.

Explore the parenting courses available here:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/social-care-health/parenting-courses-currently-running-in-bristol>

Contact the North Bristol lead practitioner to find out more: **Judith.elias@bristol.gov.uk**

ATTENDANCE

Thank you so much to all of you who are aiming to get to school on time, every day. The impact of this is immediate - children feel settled and up to speed on all of their learning.

Our attendance percentage for the term so far has slipped slightly and stands at **94.38%** which takes us below our minimum expectation of 95%. Let's see if we can make a really big effort over the next couple of weeks to get that figure back up.

Here are the year group percentages and a big well done to year 2 and 6 for exceeding 95%!

Year Group	Percentage attendance since September 2021
Year R	94.63%
Year 1	93.13%
Year 2	95.76%
Year 3	92.82%
Year 4	91.01%
Year 5	92.29%
Year 6	96.08%

GOVERNORS

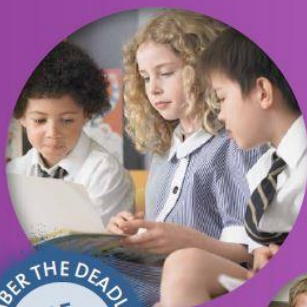
I am Laurie Haynes, the new Chair of your board of Governors. In the last newsletter Anna called for applications for the vacancy of parent governor, and I'm very pleased to say that Colin Davis has been appointed. With only two non-staff governors having served the school longer than a year, we are fresh to the job and are all looking forward to meeting you in the coming year. In the next newsletter you will be able to read a bit more about my team.



PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2022

A guide for **parents and carers** on applying for a **primary school** place for the school year **2022–2023**

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2022



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What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

- Check the guidance on applying for schools – available at www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or by contacting School Admissions. The guidance contains details on how & when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community schools the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.
- Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. Contact the school directly for further details on open days.
- Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
- You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
- Make sure you apply on-time. The deadline is 15 January 2022.

School Admissions (CH)
Bristol City Council
PO Box 3399, Bristol, BS1 9NE
www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions
e school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk
t 0117 903 7694



Why apply online?

- The system helps you by checking for errors.
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- It is quick and easy to do.
- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
- You will receive an email notification of the outcome of your application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.
- The system is available 24 hours a day until the final submission time of midnight on 15 January 2022

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apply for a **secondary school** place for the school year **2022–2023**

If your child was born between **1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011** you will need to apply for a school place by 31 October 2021.



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The cost of the club is £6.50 per session and term 1 is available for you to book online. Please note that only children who have booked into after school club can attend. Please see details below on how to book and pay for places at the club. Please also make yourself aware of our cancellation policy.

Booking Procedure

To enrol for Nova's After School Club, please complete and return a registration form which can be obtained from the School Office.

Bookings can be made using the same link as we use for parent's evenings and breakfast club:

<https://nova.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Alternatively, if you require a space at short notice, please call the office and we will be able to book you in, subject to availability.

As spaces are limited, you must book in advance and we ask that you notify us by 3pm if your child is not able to attend that day, although refunds will only be given if we receive 2 working days' notice of cancellation.

Payment MUST be made in advance using school gateway which is the same link as for dinner money and trip payments:

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register>

Themes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6th- 10th September Nature week	Nature bingo	Animal masks	Sun catchers	Potato print animals	Leaf printing
13th-17th September Under the sea week	Build your own boat	Ocean scene	Foil fish	Sandcastle sand art	Sea animals
20th- 24th September Book week	Pip and Posy	George's Marvellous Medicine	Harry Potter	The Gruffalo	Paddington
27th-1st October Around the world week	Australia Boomerang dot paintings	China Chinese lanterns	Capture the flag	Mexico Ojo De Dios	Italy Cook Pizza
4th- 8th October Craft week	Jewellery/ Keyring	Clay decorations	Weaving	Painting/ Origami	Inset Day
11th-15th October Space week	Make your own planet	Rocket launch	Pastel aurora	Build your own space craft	Sun paintings
18th- 22nd October Halloween week	Pumpkin painting	Egg carton bats	Ghost bowling	Make witches slime	Cook tasty treats

NUTS REMINDER

Please remember that we are strictly a no nut school! We take nut allergies extremely seriously and would like to remind you that not only should your children not bring any products with nuts (including coconut) in at all to school, it is not safe for them to eat them just outside either. Traces of nuts can remain on skin and clothing and it can take just the tiniest trace to trigger a serious reaction in someone with an allergy. Thank you!

PLEASE



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